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## HEALTH ADVISORY

**DATE:** November 30, 2016

**REASON FOR THIS ADVISORY:** Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) announces possible local Zika virus case in Rio Grande Valley

This advisory and additional information on Zika virus is posted on the City of El Paso Department of Public Health website found at [www.ephealth.com](http://www.ephealth.com)

**EVENT SPECIFIC BACKGROUND:** DSHS and Cameron County Department of Public Health and Human Services announced the first possible case of Zika virus disease likely transmitted by a mosquito in Texas.

### ACTIONS REQUESTED BY ALL CLINICIANS:

- √ **TEST** all pregnant women who have traveled to areas with active Zika transmission during their pregnancy.
- √ **TEST** pregnant women who have two or more of the typical symptoms (fever, itchy rash, joint pain, eye redness) in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Webb, Willacy or Zapata counties without travel history, and anyone with at least three symptoms statewide.
- √ **REPORT** suspected and confirmed cases to the Department of Public Health Epidemiology Program by calling **915-212-6520**.

### ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please review the DSHS News Release – Texas announces Local Zika Virus Case in Rio Grande Valley at: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/news/releases/2016/20161128.aspx>

### Categories of urgency levels

**Health Alert:** conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention

**Health Advisory:** provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action

**Health Update:** provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action

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